

THANKSGIVING

AT THE

Five Points House of Industry,

No. 155 WORTH STREET, NEW-YORK.

1868.

THE Trustees, depending entirely upon voluntary contributions for support, and employing no solicitor, present annually a statement and appeal, hoping it may not be necessary to make personal applications for contributions, and the friends of the Institution may give, with the understanding that they will be saved the annoyance of a personal appeal.

Some *four hundred thousand meals* have been furnished during the year. There has been constantly a family of *two hundred and fifty persons*.

The whole number of different inmates for the year was *twelve hundred and eighty-nine*, of whom more than twelve hundred have been sent to homes or returned to friends.

The average daily attendance in the schools has been more than *four hundred*.

The whole number of different children taught, *ten hundred and eighty-nine*.

Eighty thousand lodgings have been given during the year. *One hundred and fifty thousand* pounds of bread have been furnished, together with large quantities of meat, meal, hominy, rice, potatoes, and other vegetables.

☞ The entire expenditure for salaries, support of schools, clothing, food, fuel, five thousand copies *Monthly Record*, and all other supplies, including aid afforded to the out-door poor, is only three thousand dollars per month.

☞ To prevent miscarriage of contributions, an envelope, with Treasurer's address, is inclosed, which may be sent through the Post-Office, handed to either of the Trustees, or sent directly to the House.

☞ On Thanksgiving, children will be at dinner from quarter-past one until quarter-past two o'clock. The out-door poor will dine at three o'clock.

☞ Exercises will commence in the chapel at eleven o'clock, and continue until four o'clock. All are invited to attend these interesting exercises.

Clothing and materials, new or second-hand, and all articles of food, will be gratefully received and sent for if desired.

The Trustees hope there will be a general response to this appeal, as their wants are urgent.

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(Who are also Incorporators.)

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In 1851, the Five Points House of Industry was established by the Rev. L. M. Pease. In 1854 it became an incorporated institution, governed by a Board of Trustees, elected annually by the incorporators, and is not sectarian. It is devoted mainly to the preservation of children from suffering and crime; it is a receptacle for all who have no where else to go. The orphan, the deserted, the children of parents separated by convictions for crime, the offspring of those totally unable to support their children—all find here a home until they can be properly placed and cared for. They are cleansed, fed, taught, and furnished with labor as early as practicable, or sent to a home in the country.

Assistance is also rendered to adults, as far as it can be without encouraging a dependence upon charity, and efforts are made to reform and procure labor for such as are willing to work. In short, this institution stands between wretchedness and crime, with open gates for all, and how many crimes it has been the means of preventing, God alone can know. The record of rescued souls who have partaken of the fruits of Christianity beneath its roof will more than justify all the outlay for them.

Thousands of strangers yearly visit it, and its influences have extended into nearly all our large cities, as it was the first institution of its kind in this country, and it is now the only one in the city.

We have no fund and are dependent upon voluntary contributions

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Aid is afforded to the out-door sick and poor, whenever cases are found to whom it seems best to extend help, and a large sum is thus expended yearly. All cases referred to the House will be investigated, and, when advisable, relief afforded.

AS A CHRISTIAN MISSION.

We aim to preach the Gospel to all that we can reach in our neighborhood, by the employment of visitors from house to house, reading the Bible, praying with, and giving counsel and sympathy to the poor.

In the various departments of education, etc., twenty-one persons are employed, whose time is devoted to doing good to the souls and bodies of our beneficiaries.

Weekly religious meetings are held for parents, children, and friends; the number attending varying from one hundred to two hundred.

Daily morning and evening prayers are attended by all the inmates of the House and open to all willing to come in; the number in attendance is sometimes nearly three hundred. At morning prayers, all are required to have at least one verse of Scripture to repeat. There are Sabbath-school and children's services every Sabbath. Attendance in Sabbath-school is nearly three hundred.

The public service of the Sabbath is at 3 o'clock, when the children are present and lead in the singing. This service is attended by a large number of strangers.

AS A REFORMATORY ASYLUM.

Nearly two thirds of all received into the House are children. Many of them being truant or ungovernable, have been left to our care for reformation. Others are children, one or both of whose parents are intemperate, who come voluntarily to us. After a suitable period, these children are placed mostly in families or on farms in the country.

We have, uniformly, a family of two hundred to two hundred and fifty, who lodge in the House.

The whole number of inmates of the House since its organization is nearly eighteen thousand, two thirds of whom were children.

AS A DAY-SCHOOL.

It is scarcely necessary to speak of the characteristics of our pupils. It is safe to say that few of them would attend any school but one such as our own, and that the education and moral training given them are a clear gain to the community. The number of hours and the studies are the same as in the Primaries of the Board of Education: eight teachers are employed, at an expense of three thousand dollars per annum. The average daily attendance for the year was four hundred and eight. The whole number of pupils connected with the school, from the commencement, is not far from twenty thousand; so that thirty thousand souls have come more or less directly under the influence of the Institution. It is a source of great satisfaction to be able to state that, in tracing out the histories of our scholars, but very few have strayed from the paths of virtue, while it is known that very many are honest, industrious, useful members of society, and not a few are a source of pride and joy to the Institution, whose fostering care has, under God, made them what they are.

FRIENDLESS WOMEN.

Several hundred of this class are annually sheltered by the House, and places found for them as domestics, principally in the country.

THE METHOD OF DISPOSING OF OUR CHILDREN.

We send away no companies of children to find homes. There are applications at the Institution for all that come under our control. Nearly all the very small children are taken for adoption. The larger ones quite generally are placed in farmers' families, many of them being adopted. The House is furnishing daily at this time one thousand meals.

The weekly bill of fare is: Bread, beef, mutton, heavy bean and vegetable soups, hominy bread, coffee, and occasionally other articles.

SHOE SHOP.

In the Shoe Shop one or two men are kept constantly employed in repairing the second-hand shoes sent to us, and those which our children have worn until they need repairs.

WANTS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Of course, with the high cost of every thing, we need much money. The monthly expenses are nearly three thousand dollars. Food and clothing of all descriptions for children and adults; clothing materials, new or old, are of very great service, and will be gladly sent for if notified. Bedding is often very much needed for the sick. Shoes, even if much worn, are of value to us, as they can be repaired in our shop, and are worth more for service when repaired than the new ones we buy.

The House is open to visitors at all times, and we most cordially invite all to come and see what we are doing. School hours, from nine A.M. to three P.M. Breakfast hour, half-past six o'clock; dinner, twelve; supper, five o'clock.

The House is open and schools are continued through the entire year, having never been closed for a vacation. The teachers have a vacation of four weeks.

THE MONTHLY.

We issue monthly a small publication, containing articles suggested by the wants and conditions of the classes the House was originated to help, and incidents of interest occurring in the prosecution of our work. Those interested in the welfare of the poor would aid and encourage us by subscribing for THE RECORD. Address,

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Or, WM. F. BARNARD, Assistant Sup't,
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